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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF

Administrative Action

STEVEN EIDMAN, D.D.S. License No. 22 DI 1633600

FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY: IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry upon receipt of information that Steven Eidman, D.D.S. ("Dr. Eidman" or "respondent"), had been convicted of Medicaid fraud in the State of New York and that his New York State dental license had been revoked by the licensing authority of the State of New York. Based on that conviction and New York State action, the Board issued a Provisional Order of Discipline on September 11, 2006, in which it made provisional findings of fact and conclusions of law. That order advised respondent that he had an opportunity to contest the provisional findings through submission of documentation within thirty business days of the entry of the Provisional Order.

Dr. Eidman was served with the Provisional Order by certified and regular mail at his address of record with the Board. No response was received by the Board within the thirty day period. On September 5, 2007, the Board considered the matter. In the absence of a response from Dr. Eidman, the Board has determined to finalize the order as provisionally entered.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent has been licensed to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey since March 3, 1985. Respondent's license is currently suspended, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b), as a result of his failure to apply for renewal within 30 days of its expiration date of October 31, 2003.
- 2. On May 22, 2002, respondent entered a plea of guilty in the Supreme Court of New York, Bronx County, to Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, in violation of §155.40 subsection (1) of the New York State Penal Law. Respondent admitted that from May 1989 until on or about January 2000, he intended to wrongfully defraud the Medicaid Program in excess of \$500,000, by allowing his former partner to submit false claims by using respondent's Medicaid provider number. Respondent further admitted he intentionally misrepresented he had provided services to Medicaid recipients whom he never provided services to, in order to receive money for which he was not entitled. The court accepted respondent's plea to Grand Larceny, Second Degree. On September 10, 2002 pursuant to a plea bargain, respondent was sentenced by the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Bronx County, to five years probation. Respondent also made restitution in the amount of \$423,891.75.
- 3. On March 15, 2005, the New York Board of Regents revoked respondent's license to practice dentistry in the State of New York based on respondent's plea of guilty on May 22, 2002, to Grand Larceny, Second Degree. The New York Board of Regents adopted the findings of the Regent's Review Committee. The Regent's Review Committee found that a revocation of respondent's license was warranted based on the criminal conviction which involved conduct that took place for over a ten year period.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The above findings of fact establish a basis for disciplinary action against respondent's license, pursuant to N.J.S.A 45:1-21(b), in that the facts surrounding respondent's conviction on May 22, 2002, in New York, Bronx County, for Grand Larceny in the Second Degree is the use or employment of dishonesty, fraud, deception, misrepresentation, false promise or false pretense.

2. The above findings of fact also provide grounds for disciplinary action against respondent's license, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), in that respondent has been convicted of, or engaged in acts constituting, any crime or offense involving moral turpitude or relating adversely to the activity regulated by the Board.

3. Further, it appears to the Board that the above findings of fact provide grounds for disciplinary action against respondent's license, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g), in that respondent's license has been revoked in the State of New York consistent with other provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21.

4. Finally, it appears to the Board that the above findings of fact provide grounds for disciplinary action against respondent's license, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(k), in that respondent's conviction for Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, for wrongfully defrauding the Medicaid Program in excess of \$500,000, constitutes a violation of a provision of an insurance fraud prevention law.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 5th day of December, 2007,

ORDERED that respondent's license to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey is hereby revoked.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Maxine Feinberg, D.D.S

Board President